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SUBJ: SAUDI VIEWS ON YAR

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1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABD AL-RAHMAN AL MANITURI TOLD
POLITICAL COUNSELOR ON JANUARY 31 THAT SAG BELIEVED THAT
GHASHMI WAS FIRMLY IN CONTROL AND THAT YAR WAS STABLE.
HOWEVER, SAG WOULD LIKE TO SEE GHASMI CIVILIANIZE HIS
GOVERNMENT AND INVOLVE A WIDER RANGE OF PEOPLE IN THE
DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. WHEN PRESSED ON THIS POINT,
MANSOURI ELABORATED BY SAYING THAT SAG FAVORED INSTITUTION
OF A CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY (MAJLIS) WHICH COULD INCLUDE
SOME OF THE NORTHERN TRIBAL LEADERS, SUCH AS ABDALLAH AHMAR.

2. MANSOURI ALSO SAID THAT SAG WAS INCREASING ITS ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE TO YAR.

3. COMMENT: WHILE MANSOURI DID NOT SAY SO, POL COUN GOT
DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT THERE WAS CONNECTION BETWEEN
AMOUNT OF AID SAG WOULD GIVE AND EXTENT TO WHICH GHASHMI
INVOLVED THE NORTHER TRIBAL LEADERS IN HIS GOVERNMENT.
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